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NOTICES.

The publications of the Southern History Association for May, in addition to copious *Reviews and Notices,* contain several valuable articles. Congressman Stoke's plan for investigating "the character and condition of the archives and public records of the several States and Territories, and of the United States," is commented upon. Under the title of *Anecdotes of General Winfield Scott,* Gen. Hamilton gives several interesting incidents touching the life of this great man. *The Journal of Thomas Nicholson* describes his visit to his brethren, the Friends, on the Cape Fear, in 1746, and his visit to England in 1749. Of greatest value, perhaps, is the paper by D. R. Goodloe, entitled *The Purchase of Louisiana, and How it was Brought About.*

The April number of the American Historical Review contains the following articles: *The Problem of the North,* a study in English border history, by G. T. Lapsley; *Social Compact and Constitutional Construction,* by A. C. McLaughlin; *The United States and Mexico, 1847-1848,* by E. G. Bourne; and *The Chinese Immigrant in Further Asia,* by F. W. Williams. The document, *A Memorandum of M. Austin's Journey from the Lead Mines in the County of Wythe, in the State of Virginia, to the Lead Mines in the Province of Louisiana, West of the Mississippi, 1796-1797,* is of particular value. Introduced by a sketch of Moses Austin's life, written by his son, Stephen F., the journal is itself a rich commentary upon the character of the man who took the initiative in the Anglo-American colonization of Texas.